

Wake Forest Town Commission

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Dear Ms. Hesse:

I am a local businessman and an elected official in my hometown. I have been concerned about the impact of national issues on my local community throughout my life. The current recession is no exception. The unemployment rate is skyrocketing in towns across America, consumer spending is down, and Congress can't decide what stimulus the economy needs.

In Wake Forest, I see the effects of this national trend. I believe that the government needs to take certain steps to free up businesses to grow the economy and end the stagnation of the past year. Finalizing the settlement between Microsoft and the federal government would be a giant step in the right direction.

Virtually every business in Wake Forest uses Microsoft in some form or fashion. In fact, even business owners who work out of their homes rely on these products for their work. I admire the creative ingenuity of our town's business leaders. They create many jobs for our citizens. However, in order to jumpstart our economy, we need products that are even more user friendly and efficient from Microsoft and their competitors.

Because of this, I request that Judge Kollar-Kotelly approve the settlement. Recessions are tough. We need businesses moving full-speed ahead to turn the corner for the American people.

Thanks for hearing my concerns

Sincerely,



Rob Bridge
Town Commissioner

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